

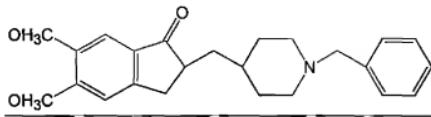
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in the application:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended): A method of protecting neurons of the central nervous system, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of the protective agent according to claim 1

1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanone)-2-yl]methylpiperidine represented by the following chemical formula or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein the neurons are protected from damage induced by cerebral ischemia, excitotoxicity, A β toxicity, or A β aggregation.

14-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended): The method according to claim [[14]] 13, wherein the neurons are protected from damage the disorder in neurons of the central nervous system is induced by A β toxicity associated with Alzheimer's disease or Down's syndrome.

19-27. (Cancelled)